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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: STATEMENT FOLLOWING MOOSE-LAKE
TALKS WITH OWEN

1. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS ISSUED BY THE FCO
FOLLOWING THE MOOSE-LAKE MEETING WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY
OWEN ON SEPT 9.

2. QUOTE THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY HAD A
MEETING LASTING ABOUT THREE HOURS THIS MORNING,
9 SEPTEMBER, WITH RICHARD MOOSE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF
STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS AND ANTHONY LAKE, DIRECTOR
OF POLICY PLANNING OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AT WHICH
LORD CARVER, AND MR. GRAHAM AND AMBASSADOR LOW, WHO
HAD RETURNED FROM AFRICA EARLIER IN THE DAY, WERE
PRESENT. THE MEETING WAS HELD TO REVIEW THE SITUATION
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AND HEAR REPORTS FROM MR. GRAHAM AND AMBASSADOR LOW.

THE BRITISH AND U.S. GOVERNMENTS ARE CONVINCED
THAT A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA CAN BE
ACHIEVED, AND WE CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARDS A SUCCESSFUL
MEETING OF ALL THE PARTIES. TO MAKE PROGRESS THERE
MUST BE NEGOTIATIONS. YET THE ATMOSPHERE HAS BEEN
PREJUDICED BY THE TRAGIC INCIDENTS OF THE LAST FEW DAYS.

SUCH INCIDENTS ARE ALWAYS PROVOCATIVE, BUT WE PROFOUNDLY
HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE NO RETALIATION, SINCE VIOLENCE
BEGETS MORE VIOLENCE. IT WOULD GREATLY IMPROVE THE
ATMOSPHERE IF THE LEADERS ON BOTH SIDES WERE PREPARED
TO TAKE POSITIVE STEPS TO AVOID ANY ESCALATION OF THE
VIOLENCE, AND IN PARTICULAR TO AVOID INFLECTING FURTHER
LOSS OF LIFE ON THE CIVILIAN POPULATION OF THE COUNTRY
AND OF NEIGHBORING STATES. AS DR. OWEN STATED AT THE
ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY, WE HOPE THAT THE LEADERS
ON BOTH SIDES WILL BE PREPARED TO GIVE ORDERS TO THEIR
FOLLOWERS TO AVOID SUCH INCIDENTS, AND TO MAKE IT CLEAR
THAT, WHEN THEY OCCUR, THOSE RESPONSIBLE WILL BE BROUGHT
TO ACCOUNT. END QUOTE.

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